

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: STEPHEN J. KRAMER AND
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FOR: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
FORMING AND USING PLANARIZING
PADS FOR MECHANICAL AND
CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL
PLANARIZATION OF MICROELECTRONIC
SUBSTRATES**

Preliminary Amendment

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Dear Commissioner:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.